



October 17, 2018

Director Mick Mulvaney
Office of Management and Budget
Eisenhower Executive Office Building
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Washington, DC 20502

Re: Central City Flood Control Project – U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District

Director Mulvaney,

Thank you for taking the time to briefly discuss the Central City Flood Control Project (Central City)/ Trinity River Vision Flood Control Project (TRV Project) in Fort Worth, Texas. During our phone conversation and my subsequent meeting with Mr. Herz, I promised to provide a specific cost breakdown of the Central City project that specifically lays out the most critical flood control elements.

The TRV Project is a partnership between local, state and federal partners, but is centered on the critical flood control project known as the Central City Flood Control Project (Central City) by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). The Central City project originated as a flood risk management project because the Fort Worth Federal Floodway no longer complies with the original federal levee design requirements. The Central City authorized project is critical for our community to restore the level of protection authorized for the Fort Worth Federal Floodway.

After our meeting with Mr. Herz, I met with Colonel Kenneth N. Reed, District Commander, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - Fort Worth District. Our discussion focused on the critical nature of completing the Central City project for flood control protection and management for the City of Fort Worth. Col. Reed directed his staff to provide my office with specific costs on the most critical aspects of the Central City project.

Based on the cost breakdowns we received from the USACE - Fort Worth District, the total request to fund the complete flood protection project is \$465,285,325 million. However, constructing the Flood Channel/Bypass Channel is the most critical aspect of the Central City project and has the largest incremental benefit identified in this project. This component will protect approximately 2,000 additional acres of existing Fort Worth neighborhoods. **The total request for funding the Flood Channel/Bypass Channel is \$249,609,778 million.**

Col. Reed and his staff took the Flood Channel/Bypass Channel full project and broke it into \$50 million incremental requests broken down in sequential order to be constructed according to the project phasing plan in the order shown in the table attached. (*See Exhibit 1*). A map is also attached that includes the phasing of the project (*See Exhibit 2*). Package 1/Phase 1 is for Channel Segment B (North Bypass Channel) at a cost of \$50 million, and would provide immediate flood protection for local flooding events. Channel Segment B is currently 60 percent designed utilizing the FY2016 funds.



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Our partnership by local partners now totals \$318 million to date, including the \$81 million utilized for the White Settlement, Main Street and Henderson Street bridges currently under construction. The local agencies have committed over \$300 million of local public dollars based on the commitment and authorization of the Central City project to come through for Fort Worth. Our local dollars have been in service to the USACE's delivery of the Central City project, including, property acquisitions, environmental clean-up, utility relocation and bridge construction. The hardship to the community if the USACE is not able to deliver the Flood Channel/Bypass Channel cannot be overstated.

Finally, it is imperative that the USACE complete the Flood Channel/Bypass Channel to provide the over 2,000 acres of flood control protections and allow our local entities to move forward with leveraging private investment. Any economic development goals within the TRV Project must be carried out by private investment and are not a part of the USACE Central City project.

Again, we appreciate your time and attention to this issue. If I can provide any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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